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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

A SENATOR just back from an inspection trip around the world said Wednesday the Central Intelligence Agency is doing a better job than its Soviet counterpart, and with less men.

Sen. Milton R. Young (R., N.D.) based his conclusion on a top-secret tour of CIA posts in 14 countries and American military installations in 15 foreign nations.

He made the trip as a member of the special Senate subcommittee authorized to examine in detail the CIA's multimillion dollar budget—the actual amount of which is “hidden” in budgets of other agencies.

Young told newsmen he was tremendously impressed by operations of CIA agents throughout the world. He added: “Their work is far more effective than the public generally gives them credit for.”

Young praised the administration of CIA Director John A. McCone. “He is as good a man as we could have,” Young said. “It would be unfortunate if he were replaced.”